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SUBJ: ANTI-AMERICAN STUDENT DEMONSTRATION

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1. THIS MORNING I HANDED ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ THE FOLLOWING DIPLOMATIC NOTE (PRO FORMA OPENING AND CLOSING OMITTED) RELATIVE TO THE ANTI-US DEMONSTRATION IN LAHORE YESTERDAY:

QTE ... YESTERDAY A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 150 STUDENTS FROM THE ISLAMIA COLLEGE OF COMMERCE DEMONSTRATED BEFORE THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICE'S AMERICAN CENTER IN LAHORE. CHANTING ANTI-AMERICAN STATEMENTS, THE DEMONSTRATORS PULLED DOWN THE AMERICAN FLAG AND BURNED IT. THE STUDENTS ALSO BURNED AN EFFIGY OF
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PRESIDENT FORD IN FRONT OF THE AMERICAN CENTER.

THE EMBASSY HAS THE HONOR TO NOTE ALSO THAT POLICE PROTECTION WHICH HAD BEEN PROVIDED AT THE AMERICAN CENTER SINCE LAST MONDAY, JANUARY 27, WAS ABSENT AT THE TIME FOR THE DEMONSTRATION. IT WAS ONLY TWENTY MINUTES AFTER THE DEMONSTRATION BEGAN THAT THE POLICE ARRIVED AT THE AMERICAN CENTER IN RESPONSE TO TELEPHONE CALLS FROM OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL AND THE AMERICAN CENTER.

THE EMBASSY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT STEPS BE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF SUCH REGRETTABLE INCIDENTS. END QTE.

2. SHAHNAWAZ EXPRESSED HIS OWN DEEP REGRET AND HIS BELIEF THAT ACTION WAS DELIBERATELY PLANNED TO EMBARRASS THE PRIME MINISTER AS HE PREPARES TO DEPART ON HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. HE INDICATED THAT USG CAN EXPECT GOP TO ISSUE A PUBLIC STATEMENT REGRETTING THE INCIDENT.
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